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- 1. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED /GHANAIAN TIMES/ FRIDAY CARRIED NO COMMENTARY AND GAVE NO NEWS COVERAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UNCTAD SPEECH. MAIN FOREIGN NEWS PAGE GAVE MAJOR HEADLINE "FREE YOUNG STATES FROM POVERTY-URGES WALDHEIM"--- TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S UNCTAD OPENING ADDRESS EARLIER IN THE WEEK.
- 2. SEPARATE STORY, "I'VE BEEN TAUGHT A LOT KISSINGER", QUOTES FROM SECRETARY'S AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM NAIROBI. "I THINK," THE WIRE SERVICE QUOTES THE SECRETARY AS SAYING, "MY TALKS WITH VARIOUS LEADERS HAVE TAUGHT ME A GREAT DEAL AND WILL HELP TO SHAPE AMERICAN POLICY IN A POSITIVE WAY."
- 3. A FURTHER RELATED STORY, UNDER THE BOTTOM-OF-PAGE THREE COLUMN HEADLINE "ENVOY SAYS NO TO KISSINGER", DEVOTES THREE PARAGRAPHS TO NEW YORK PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF NIGERIAN U.N. AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN. LEAD PARAGRAPH HAS HARRIMAN SAYING HE DOES NOT "ENTIRELY AGREE" WITH KISSINGER VIEW THAT NEGOTIATIONS AND DIALOGUE ARE THE WAY TO SOLVE RHODESIA PROBLEM.
- 4. ACCRA'S OTHER MORNING DAILY, THE /GRAPHIC/, ALSO SKIPPED ANY COMMENTARY AND MANAGED TO IGNORE COMPLETELY DR. KISSINGER'S ADDRESS. TWO STORIES CARRIED ON UNCTAD WERE "WALDHEIM PLEADS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CARRIED IN THE /TIMES/, AND "LET'S FORM ECONOMIC SYSTEM", A BRIEF REVIEW OF PRESIDENT MORCOS' SPEECH.

5. ONLY MENTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, ON THE SAME INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAGE, IS REPORT OF CUBAN NEWSPAPER GRANMA CRITICISM OF DR. KISSINGER'S TRIP. FOUR PARAGRAPH STORY CARRIES HEADLINE "DR. K'S TRIP CRITICISED." BACHE

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